

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 19-46 are pending in this application. Claims 14, 22-25, 27-38, 42, and 43 are withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. By this Amendment, claims 44-46 are newly presented and are directed to withdrawn subject matter, although they have not been formally withdrawn. Specifically, new claims 44-46 depend from claim 27 and are added to compensate for subject matter deleted from withdrawn claims 31 and 36 (which depend from claim 27). By this Amendment, withdrawn claims 27-38, 42, and 43 are amended. Support for the amendments to the claims and new claims may be found, for example, in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 19-26, and 39-41 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the March 1, 2010 Request for Reconsideration. Additionally, rejoinder and allowance of claims 27-38 and 42-46 are respectfully requested for at least the reasons discussed below.

I. Unity of Invention

Rejoinder of withdrawn claims 27-38 and 42-46 is respectfully requested because unity of invention exists between these claims and claims 1-6, 8-15, 19-26, and 39-41. All claims share at least one common technical feature that distinguishes over the art because all claims require the combination of: (1) at least one of taurine, hypotaurine, salts of taurine and salts of hypotaurine; and (2) at least one polyphenol.

As discussed in the March 1, 2010 Request for Reconsideration and conclusively established by Albert Duranton's February 18, 2010 Declaration, the combination of taurine and polyphenols produces unexpected results with respect to treating or reducing the likelihood of developing alopecia and the miniaturization of hair follicles. Thus, compositions of claims 27-38 and 44-46 produce such unexpected results. With respect to process claims 42 and 43, the unexpected results are applicable to claims directed to cosmetic processes for treating and reducing the likelihood of developing disorders of a pilosebaceous

unit because disorders of the pilosebaceous unit are directly related to causing alopecia. See, e.g., specification at page 1, line 30 to page 2, line 3.

Accordingly, unity of invention exists between withdrawn claims 27-38 and 42-46 and claims 1-6, 8-15, 19-26, and 39-41. Thus, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and rejoinder and allowance of claims 27-38 and 42-46 are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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